

Current Employment Report Employment Highlights

The June 2011 preliminary statistics show the number of jobs on Guam decreased 1,250 in the latest quarter and by 830 jobs or 1.3 percent from the comparable period one year ago. The majority of the reduction occurred in the construction industry which dropped 260 jobs, in the latest quarter, and 930 over the year. Hotel employment had been increasing each quarter but abruptly dropped by 200 in June following the March 11th Japan earthquake and tsunami. From March to June average weekly hours paid in Hotels also dropped from 37.6 to 35.8.

Federal employment was essentially unchanged this quarter, but was up by 140 jobs from the prior year's figures. Government of Guam employment declined by 800 in the latest quarter and decreased by 150 jobs over the year. The Executive branch reduction of 320 jobs in comparison to June 2011 can be accounted for by the completion of the 2010 Decennial Census of Population and Housing which employed 450 in June 2010. Government of Guam experienced the usual seasonal dip in employment for the summer as did employment in private schools classified in other services as well as food preparation classified in retail trade.

Private average hourly earnings and average hours worked declined in the latest quarter resulting in average weekly earnings declining from \$447.42 to \$433.94 or three percent.

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